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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. At least some of the references were recently cited in an International Preliminary Examination Report.

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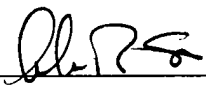
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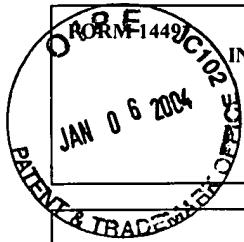
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	6,515,227 B1	02/04/2003	Massey et al.			
	6,548,753 B1	04/14/2003	Blackmon, Jr. et al.			
	6,566,600 B1	05/20/2003	Ford et al.			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	PCT	International Preliminary Examination Report

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